

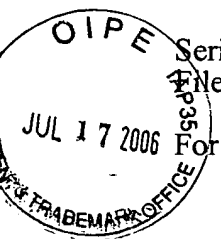
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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Attorney Docket No. 1053.001B

In re application of: Gary W. Elko, Robert A. Kubli, and Jens M. Meyer



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